



Rural Fire Commission

624 Wilson St
Chester, South Carolina 29706

April 25th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mike Walley and opened in prayer by Edwards at 5:33 pm.

Commission Members Present: Martin, Edwards, Walley, Beard and Hudson

Departments Present: Richburg, Lewis, and Leeds

Special Guests: None

Motion by Beard, second by Hudson to approve agenda, motion passed

Motion by Martin, second by Beard to approve the minutes, motion passed

Citizens Comments: Jay Williams- our new tanker is in the parking lot. It was paid for by grants and the department. It has helped a lot of surround fire departments.

T. Melton- John and Cenzie were in an MVA today, airbags deployed and the truck was totaled. It was the other driver's fault. John is being kept overnight. Cenzi was treated and released. Thank you everyone for their support. Also, engine 814 is on loan to North Chester while their truck is being repaired.

Eddie Murphy- Make sure you are talking to your council people. The budget for the training center is nonexistent. We need to put pressure on them for funding. We need manpower, the whole county needs help, we also need to look at the bigger picture. Make sure you sit down with people and make a plane.

Fire Coordinators report: we had a meeting today about the budget, we think it went well. The sheriff's department now has 2 investigators assigned to assist us in fire investigations.

Old Business: Budget- John Agee-the budget was very well received. It is a disgrace that there are no bathrooms at the Rossville Main Station and both of South Chester's Stations. Richburg Fire needs help with running calls. T is doing a good job.

New Business: Chief association- Gene Hudson- We talked about the budget at the last meeting, also Melissa from 911 came and spoke to the group. It was very informative.

Chief Waits- Requesting to have the \$333 that was allocated to West Chester for fuel due to the fact his allocations were already being sanctioned. He stated he doesn't feel like he should be punished for not having manpower.

Motion by Hudson, second by Beard to go into executive session at 5:57pm, motion approved.

Motion by Beard, second by Edwards to come out of executive session at 6:07pm, motion approved.



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A motion by Hudson, second by Beard to reconsider the request from Chief Waits for his \$333 back when compliance is achieved with the paperwork. Motion passed.

Beard motions, Hudson seconds to adjourn meeting, motion passed

Meeting adjourned 18:15.